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Identical letters dated 23 December 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit the following information:

Recent events in Syria have made it clear that thousands of foreign terrorist fighters have joined the ranks of terrorist organizations associated with Al-Qaida, including the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, the Nusrah Front, the Army of Emigrants and Supporters and the Islamic Front. Saudi Arabia and Qatar have paid for and encouraged the recruitment of those terrorists, who include many Azeris, Albanians, Chechens and other individuals from the Caucasus, while Turkey has provided them with assistance and logistical support. The terrorists are based primarily in the governorates of Idlib, Aleppo, the northern Ladhiqiyah countryside, Homs, Dayr al-Zawr and Raqqah.

The competent authorities have learned that approximately 1500 terrorists, including a number of Chechens, have arrived in the Ladhiqiyah countryside after being trained by Israeli, American and Jordanian intelligence officers at a military camp in the Rusayfah district, north of the Jordanian capital. The channelling of terrorists to that area is nothing new: there is an established air corridor between a military airport in the north of Jordan and Antakya airport in Turkey, and hundreds of terrorists have been transported, primarily, to the Ladhiqiyah countryside.

I have attached for your consideration information concerning the terrorist organization known as the Army of Emigrants and Supporters (see annex). On 23 December 2013, the Syrian Government requested the inclusion of that organization on the list maintained by the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1989) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities. To date, the Security Council has not listed the organization. I have also attached a list of names of certain Chechen terrorists and other terrorists from the Caucasus who have been killed in Syria (see annex).

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once more calls on the Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities and condemn and hold accountable the

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regimes of State supporters of terrorism including, in particular, the regimes of Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and compel those regimes to desist from their destructive behaviour, which is endangering international peace and security.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the identical letters dated 23 December 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Army of Emigrants and Supporters: its establishment, organization, constituent groups and relations with other organizations

The Army of Emigrants and Supporters was established by Libyan jihadists in northern Ladhiqiyah. Chechens from the Akhmeta District in the Republic of Georgia were later incorporated into the Brigade, as were members of the Caucasian community that emerged in Turkey in the nineteenth century, including Chechens, Circassians, Karachays and individuals from a number of Arab countries. Since 2012, the ranks of the Army of Emigrants and Supporters have been swollen by mercenaries recruited from European communities of so-called Chechen refugees. As a result, the number of Chechen leaders in the Brigade has increased while the number of Arab leaders has waned. Factions of the Army of Emigrants and Supporters operate in the Aleppo countryside, on the Syrian coast, on the border with Turkey and in the Hasakah countryside. They participate in combat operations alongside the Nusrah Front and the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Until the end of 2013, the leader of the terrorist organization ISIL was Abu Umar al-Shishani, whose real name is Abu Taymuraz Batirashvili. Born on 11 January 1986 in Birkiani, a village in Akhmeta District, Georgia, Abu Umar al-Shishani is a Georgian national of Chechen origin who served in the Georgian Army Special Forces. From the summer of 2013, he has cooperated and established close ties with the Caucasus Emirate. His associates include Isa Ammar Ammar, a Russian national of Chechen origin who was born on 28 November 1948 in the then Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan. On 20 May 2014, it was reported in the media that the terrorist Abu Umar al-Shishani had been killed in clashes with the Syrian Arab Army.

The Army of Emigrants and Supporters was established in mid-2012 by the terrorist Da'ud Khalukhayev. It is an extremist religious organization, formerly known as the Muhajirin Brigades, operating in Syria under the banner of Al-Qaida. Russian insurgents from the northern Caucasus and the Volga region, together with individuals from the Commonwealth of Independent States, including Azeris, Chechens, Crimean Tatars, Kazakhs and Uzbeks, form the backbone of the organization, which also includes citizens of European countries, including Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia and Norway, and Arab States including Syria.

Insurgents belonging to the Army of Emigrants and Supporters are reportedly assigned to the following sub-groups on the basis of their geographical origin and ethnicity:

1. The Abdulrahman Group, comprising Chechens. The Group is under the direct command of Ibrahim bin Muhammad Orsakhanov, born on 17 July 1983.

2. The Muhajirin Brigade, comprising individuals from the Kabardino-Balkar and Karachay-Cherkess Republics.

3. The Free Circassians, comprising Adyghe people, Circassians and Kabardians. The group's support base is in Urfa, Turkey.

4. The Tatar Brigade or Battalion, comprising individuals from the Volga region including the republics of Tatarstan and Bashkortostan, the Orenburg Oblast and Perm Krai.

5. The Azerbaijani Group, which comprises, primarily, individuals from the Republic of Azerbaijan and is under the direct command of an individual known as Abu Yahya al-Azeri.

6. The Albanian Battalion, comprising a large number of ethnic Albanian fighters from Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia who are former members of the Kosovo Liberation Army. Naman Demoli, a member of the Albanian *Bashkohu* movement, is one of the Battalion's leaders.

7. The Hamidiyah Faction, which was established by the Turkish intelligence services in January 2013. The Faction includes individuals from Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Russian Federation.

8. The Al-Khattab Brigade, which comprises individuals from Arab States and is led by a group of individuals from the Akhmeta District in Georgia.

9. Abu Umar al-Kuwaiti, who is also known as Abu Umar al-Shishani and is likely to be the same person as Umar Batirashvili from Kistini community. His deputy, Abdulrahman, is probably Akhid Pareulidze.

10. In Dar al-Izzah, the individual known as Sheikh Sulayman supervised the training of Igor Kazbekovich Babochiev, also known as Abu Da'ud, who was born in 1973 in the Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

Members of the so-called Army of Emigrants and Supporters

1. Gunjafov, Ildar Ruslanovich. Born on 5 July 1988, from Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

2. Gurianov, Artyom Aiexandrovich, known as Ahmad. A Russian national, born on 28 August 1986. Russian national from Kuybyshev.

3. Gelaev, Sahib Minabdin Oghlu. Born on 17 September 1984, from Surgut, Khanty–Mansi Autonomous Okrug.

4. Makhtiev, Zelimkhan Abdulovich, known as Al-Zabir. Born on 12 June 1990.

5. Edilgiriev, Alulievich. Born on 2 December 1982, from Volgograd Oblast.

6. Babochiev, Igor Kazbekovich, known as Abu Da'ud. Born on 2 January 1973, from Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

7. Abu Umar al-Rusi. No other details about this individual are known. Used his Facebook page to channel assistance to individuals wishing to travel to Syria.

8. Muzraev, Idris Harunovich, known as Abu Umar, Aksakal and Al-Saqqal. Born on 3 June 1970, from the Chechen Republic. Joined as leader of the Khattab gang. Limps as a result of an injury to his right leg. Resident in Egypt as of 2007. In 2012, he travelled to Istanbul, Turkey where he recruited individuals to fight on behalf of terrorist organizations in Syria.

9. Shurtaev, Albert Admirovich. Born on 8 August 1990 in Chegem, Chegemsky District, Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

10. Ozdoev, Asla Asrailovich, known as Abu Abdullah. Born on 20 March 1983. Uses documents in the name of Maltsagov Ruslan.

11. Vakhitov (Wahidov), Ayrat Nasimovich, also known as Sulayman al-Balkari and nicknamed Mulu, Abu Khayrat Yusuf and Abu Yusuf. Born on 27 March 1977, from Naberezhnye Chelny, Republic of Tatarstan. From 2000 to 2002, he was a member of the terrorist Taliban organization. He was arrested by NATO forces and held at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp. In 2010 and 2011, following his release, he was a member of, and adviser to, the Balkari terrorist group known as Igoru.

12. Atabiev, Islam Seyit-Umarovich, known as Abu Jihad. Born on 26 June 1983, from Ust-Dzhegutinsky District, Karachay-Cherkess Republic.

13. Orsakhanov, Ibrahim Muhammadovich. Born on 17 July 1983, from the Chechen Republic, commander of the Abdulrahman Group.

14. The deputy commander of the Abdulrahman Group is believed to be an individual named Pareulidze Akhid from Kistini community, Akhmeta District, Republic of Georgia.

15. Batirashvili or Pareulidze, Umari, known as Abu Umar al-Shishani. From Kistini community, Akhmeta District, Republic of Georgia and commander of the Abu Umar al-Kuwaiti Group.

16. Bugayev, Bakhah "Wahah" Nabiyullaevich, known as Abu Umar and Hamzah. Born on 17 May 1977, Gikalo, Groznensky District, Chechen Republic, military commander of the Caucasus Emirate in Syria.

17. Malas "Maladh", Husamuddin. Born on 1 June 1971, commander of a terrorist group associated with the so-called Free Army.

18. Al-Afendi, Muhammad Ayman. Born on 1 January 1967, Russian citizen and opposition leader in the Russian Federation.

19. Khachukaev, Arbi Bekovich. Born on 1 August 1967, from the Chechen Republic.

20. Susarov, Lema Lechievich. Born on 17 April 1982, from the Chechen Republic.

21. Sigauri, Aslan Alievich. Born on 4 April 1975, uses documents in the name of Ariev, Sulayman Alievich.

22. Sadiqov, Husayn Khvichaevich. Born on 24 October 1991, from the Chechen Republic.

23. Salamov, Islambek Alievich. Born on 16 October 1984, from the Chechen Republic.

24. Nashaev, Jibrail Alvievich, known as Sayfullah. Born on 8 September 1984.

25. Muskhanov, Ahmad Musaevich. Born on 26 October 1987, originally from the Chechen Republic.

26. Majidov, Alikhan Khwajaevich. Born on 21 December 1981, travelling on a Russian passport and an Austrian refugee travel document.

27. Makitov, Hasan Kamalovich. Born on 8 June 1987, from the Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

28. Muhammadov, Aslan Adamovich. Born on 8 June 1987, from the Chechen Republic, travelling on a Russian passport and an Austrian refugee travel document.

29. Katsaev, Zawir Ziaudinovich / Diya'uldinovich. Born on 18 December 1989, from the Chechen Republic.

30. Katsaev, Zambek Ziaudinovich / Diya'uldinovich. Born on 23 October 1993, from the Chechen Republic.

31. Ibrahimov, Walid Muhammadovich. Born on 26 October 1982, from the Chechen Republic, travelling on a Russian passport and an Austrian refugee travel document.

32. Dosaev, Shamil Isrudinovich. Born on 19 October 1951, from the Chechen Republic, travelling on a Russian passport and an Austrian refugee travel document.

33. Baraev, Islam Khayrallaevich. Born on 12 October 1993, from the Chechen Republic.

34. Aslanikov, Zinadi Indievich, known as "Zaid". Born on 4 August 1985.

35. Agaev, Uthman Muhammadovich. Born on 16 January 1988, travelling on a Russian passport and an Austrian refugee travel document.

36. Alimkhanov, Baykhan Hasanovich. Born on 16 October 1980, from the Chechen Republic, travelling on a Russian passport and an Austrian refugee travel document.

37. Akaev, Said Abdulalievich. Born on 27 October 1987, from the Republic of Kazakhstan.

38. Idamirov, Nurali Muhammad Indievich. Born on 16 August 1992.

39. Agaev, Ruslan Muhammadovich, known as Abdulkarim. Born in 1981, from Prigorodnoye, Groznensky District.

40. Shakhbanov, Shamil Ayubovich, known as Shamil. Born in 1991, from Tsuntinsky District, Republic of Dagestan.

41. Ismailiev, Shamil Muhammadovich, known as Abu Janif. Born in 1980.

42. Albi Taha Ahmad Albi. Born in 1966, Jordanian national — a Chechen from Zarqa, Jordan. Played an active role in operations by the so-called Gakayev terrorist group against Russian forces.

43. Tarkhan Batirashvili. Ethnic Chechen and Georgian national. Born in 1986 in Birkiani, a village in Akhmeta District. ID number: 08001007864. On 16 March 2012, he travelled by air from Tbilisi airport to Istanbul. According to intelligence, he was in Syria as of March 2013.

44. Bugaev, Wahah Yayibullaevich. Ethnic Chechen and Georgian national. Born in Duisi, Akhmeta District in 1977. Known to have travelled to Syria in March 2013. According to intelligence, he was in Syria as of March 2013.

45. Galau Gashvili. Georgian national born in Duisi, Akhmeta District in 1981. On 1 January 2013, he travelled by air from Tbilisi airport to Italy. According to intelligence, he was in Syria as of March 2013.

46. Aslan Davishvili. Georgian national, born in Duisi, Akhmeta District in 1992. Departed from Georgia by road on 19 March 2013. According to intelligence, he was in Syria as of March 2013.

These members of the so-called Army of Emigrants and Supporters travelled to the region to fight under the banner of Al-Qaida. The group works with other organizations in its field of operations to achieve its objectives. The terrorist groups Suqur al-Sham and Nuruldin al-Zanki Brigades are in contact with it, and the terrorists Abu Umar al-Shishani and Abu Isma'il al-Shishani, known as Abulbanat, have agreed on a strategy for terrorist organizations based in the town of Turmanin in Idlib Governorate to procure toxic chemicals.

We have been unable to confirm that the terrorist Abu Umar al-Shishani has been killed, because many Chechens with that nom de guerre have been killed in Aleppo, Damascus, Idlib and Ladhiqiyah.

List of Chechen, Caucasian and Russian terrorists killed in the current events

No.	*Name*	*Nationality*	*Notes*
1.	Khasin Kazili	Azerbaijani	Killed in the western Sam'an countryside on 17 October 2012
2.	Abulzabir al-Azeri	Azerbaijani	Killed in the Ladhiqiyah countryside on 12 April 2013
3.	Individual known as Khalil al-Albani	Albanian	Killed in Ladhiqiyah
4.	Armal Jitlu	Albanian	Killed in Ladhiqiyah
5.	Abu Umar al-Albani	Albanian	Killed in the Ladhiqiyah countryside on 12 April 2013
6.	Individual known as Tariq	Bosnian	Killed in Ladhiqiyah
7.	Sanad Kubaš	Bosnian	Aleppo, 28 November 2013
8.	Sanak Kubaš	Bosnian	Rif Dimashq, 16 December 2013
9.	Individual known as Abu Maryam al-Tufay	Dagestani	Killed in the Ladhiqiyah countryside on 12 April 2013
10.	Aldi Dar al-Kirmi	Dagestani	Rif Dimashq, 16 December 2013
11.	Individual known as Abu Ali al-Rusi	Russian	Killed in the Ladhiqiyah countryside on 12 April 2013
12.	Abdulrahim al-Rusi	Russian	Killed in Ladhiqiyah on 24 November 2013
13.	Rusyan Shaku	Chechen	Killed in the Aleppo countryside on 23 February 2012
14.	Individual known as Abulhadi	Chechen	Killed in the Aleppo countryside on 6 January 2013
15.	Jadullah Ibrahim	Chechen	Killed in Aleppo on 9 January 2013
16.	Abu Abdullah al-Shishani	Chechen	Killed in Ladhiqiyah on 20 January 2013
17.	Ibrahimu Khalitov	Chechen	Killed in Ladhiqiyah on 20 January 2013
18.	Abu Hudhayfah al-Shishani	Chechen	Killed in Ladhiqiyah on 20 January 2013
19.	Muhammad Abu Hudhayfah	Chechen	Killed in Ladhiqiyah

No.	Name	Nationality	Notes
20.	Individual known as Islamov	Chechen	Killed in Atarib on 27 October 2012
21.	Abu Bara' al-Shishani	Chechen	Killed in Saraqib on 25 October 2012
22.	Individual known as Ihsan	Chechen	Killed in Dayr al-Zawr on 2 September 2012
23.	Siji Rubay	Chechen	Killed in Aleppo on 5 February 2013
24.	Abu Bara' al-Shishani	Chechen	Killed in Haysh, Idlib Governorate, on 10 April 2013
25.	Rustan al-Shishani	Chechen	Killed in the Ladhiqiyah countryside on 12 April 2013
26.	Abu Uthman	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 30 April 2013
27.	Individual known as Abu Talhah	Chechen	Aleppo, 5 May 2013
28.	Individual known as Abulfida'	Chechen	Aleppo, 26 May 2013
29.	Individual known as Abul'as	Chechen	Damascus, 22 April 2013
30.	Ibrahimu Khalitov	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 22 April 2013
31.	Abdullah al-Shishani, a.k.a. "Emir of the fighters in Syria"	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah countryside
32.	Individual known as Ihsan	Chechen	Killed in Dayr al-Zawr on 7 September 2013
33.	Individual known as Harun	Chechen	Killed in Sayyidah Zaynab
34.	Individual known as Abdulkarim	Chechen	Killed in Khirbat al-Jawz, Idlib Governorate
35.	Rustam Gelaev	Chechen	Killed in Aleppo
36.	Ali Hud	Chechen	Idlib, 28 July 2013
37.	Individual known as Rashid a.k.a. "Emir of the Emigrants"	Chechen	Idlib, 30 July 2013
38.	Sayfullah Muzbich	Chechen	Idlib, 24 August 2013
39.	Hukyar Muhammad	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 10 September 2013

No.	Name	Nationality	Notes
40.	Umar al-Shishani	Chechen	Aleppo, 29 September 2013
41.	Individual known as Abu Umar	Chechen	Aleppo, 2 October 2013
42.	Ahmad al-Rahim	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 17 October 2013
43.	Individual known as Abu Talhah	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 23 October 2013
44.	Abdullah Kartsanski	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 24 November 2013
45.	Alidan al-Karidi	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 28 November 2013
46.	Rustam Arslan Aliev	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 28 November 2013
47.	Individual known as Abu Khalid	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 29 November 2013
48.	Rustam Arslan Gelaev	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 7 December 2013
49.	Urus Martan	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 7 December 2013
50.	Kulthum Afif	Chechen	Idlib, 7 December 2013
51.	Adam Khalil	Chechen	Idlib, 7 December 2013
52.	Abdulwahab Shaykhan	Chechen	Idlib, 10 December 2013
53.	Karim Hamduni	Chechen	Idlib, 10 December 2013
54.	Sa'id al-'Askar	Chechen	Idlib, 10 December 2013
55.	Khalil al-'Ashrani	Chechen	Idlib, 10 December 2013
56.	Musa Babullah	Chechen	Idlib, 10 December 2013
57.	Sa'd al-Ibrahim	Chechen	Idlib, 10 December 2013
58.	Individual known as Abu Maryam	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 13 December 2013
59.	Rustam Gilev Arslan	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 16 December 2013
60.	Jawad al-Shishani	Chechen	Idlib, 22 December 2013
61.	Individual known as Abu Muhammad	Chechen	Idlib, 22 December 2013
62.	Individual known as Ihsan a.k.a. "Abulbara'"	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 23 December 2013
63.	Rustam Gilev Arslan	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 16 December 2013
64.	Jawad al-Shishani	Chechen	Idlib, 22 December 2013

No.	Name	Nationality	Notes
65.	Individual known as Abu Muhammad	Chechen	Idlib, 22 December 2013
66.	Individual known as Ihsan a.k.a. "Abulbara'"	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 23 December 2013
67.	Individual known as Sayfullah	Chechen	Aleppo, 6 February 2014
68.	Ruslan Machaliashvili	Chechen	Aleppo 8 February 2014
69.	Yusha' Umar Ibrahim	Chechen	Idlib, 16 February 2014
70.	Zahir	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 10 March 2014
71.	Safr Saqr al-Na'is	Chechen	Idlib, 13 March 2014
72.	Hafit Tawq Salisi a.k.a. Abu Hatim	Chechen	Dar'a, 14 March 2014
73.	Abdullah	Chechen	Idlib, 25 March 2014
74.	Individual known as Abu Isma'il	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 29 March 2014
75.	Abu Sahib	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 4 March 2014
76.	Abu Yamin al-Ansari	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 4 March 2014
77.	Abu Bakr Azzam	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 4 March 2014
78.	Al-Mala' al-Ihsani	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 4 March 2014
79.	Individual known as Asad al-Busnah	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 17 April 2014
80.	Abdul'ilah Abdullah	Chechen	Aleppo, 21 April 2014
81.	Adil Bakri Qarandil	Chechen	Aleppo, 25 April 2014
82.	Habiballah al-Nimrawi	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 26 April 2014
83.	Sajid Muhammad al-Azraq	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 10 May 2014
84.	Individual known as Abu Azzam	Chechen	Dayr al-Zawr, 20 May 2014
85.	Anas al-Dhikr	Chechen	Idlib, 21 May 2014
86.	Sa'adun Ali Jabiru	Chechen	Idlib, 23 May 2014
87.	Individual known as Abu Yusuf	Chechen	Aleppo, 27 May 2014
88.	Individual known as Abu Harirah al-Muhajir	Chechen	Aleppo, 27 May 2014

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89.	Individual known as Abu al-Muhaymin	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 11 June 2014
90.	Individual known as Abu Islam	Chechen	Rif Dimashq, 14 June 2014
91.	Individual known as Abulyaman	Chechen	Raqqah, 28 June 2014
92.	Individual known as Wasnaj	Chechen	Aleppo, 11 August 2014
93.	Nurshah	Chechen	Idlib, 1 September 2014
94.	Zabiya	Chechen	Idlib, 2 September 2014
95.	Mahiyar	Chechen	Idlib, 2 September 2014
96.	Individual known as Abulfath	Chechen	Ladhiqiyah, 30 September 2014
97.	Sarif Shah, a.k.a. Abu Umar	Chechen	Idlib, 12 October 2014
98.	Individual known as Abu Umar al-Shishani	Chechen	Aleppo 8 October 2014
99.	Individual known as Abu Umar al-Shishani	Chechen	Killed in Rif Dimashq
100.	Wasnaj al-Shishani	Chechen	Killed in Rif Dimashq
101.	Shahidah Elibov — Sniper	Chechen	Killed in Shaykh Sa'id, Aleppo on 26 January 2013
102.	Eldar Kundaković	Serbian	Killed in Ladhiqiyah
103.	Da'ud Haluev	From the Caucasus	Killed in the Ladhiqiyah countryside on 12 April 2013
104.	Abdullatif Awdah Atif	From the Caucasus	Qunaytirah, 10 October 2013
105	Abbud Atif	From the Caucasus	Rif Dimashq, 13 December 2013
106.	Individual known as Abu Kulayb	From the Caucasus	Ladhiqiyah, 15 February 2014
107.	Individual known as Emir Hamzah	From the Caucasus	Ladhiqiyah, 14 April 2013
108.	Individual known as Abu Mujahid	From the Caucasus	Aleppo, 11 May 2014
109.	Naman Demoli	Kosovar	Killed in the Ladhiqiyah countryside on 12 April 2013